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PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: Withers et al.  
Serial No.: to be assigned  
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For : Methods and Compositions for the Synthesis of Oligosaccharides  
Using Mutant Glycosidase Enzymes

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the application filed herewith, please make the following amendments:

In the specification:

On Page 1, before the heading "Background of the Invention" insert the following:

This application is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial No. 09/091,272, filed September 29, 1998, <sup>now US Patent 6,284,494,</sup> which is a US National Phase, filed under 35 USC § 371, of PCT/CA96/00841 filed December 12, 1996, which is a continuation in part of US Patent Application Serial No. 08/571,175, filed December 12, 1995, now US Patent No. 5,716,812.

In the claims:

Please make the following amendments to the claims, as amended during International Preliminary Examination, and as attached to the International Preliminary